

# ***Fundamentals of Finance***

## ***BMAN 10552***

**Credit rating 10**

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### ***Alliance Manchester Business School***

*Undergraduate*

#### ***Level 1***

#### **Course unit overview**

The course unit introduces the basic concepts from a wide spectrum of topics in finance including financial statement analysis, time value of money, capital budgeting, bond valuation, stock valuation, stock returns and market efficiency, portfolio diversification, CAPM, capital structure, cost of capital, corporate governance, and behavioural finance, venture capital and initial public offerings.

#### **Aims**

This course unit introduces the fundamental concepts and techniques of finance. It is designed for non-finance specialist students or those without background knowledge in finance. Its purpose is to develop students' financial literacy.

#### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of this unit, successful students will be able to:

- acquire knowledge of a range of topics in corporate finance;
- understand capital budgeting and security valuation
- appreciate the relationship between risk and return.

#### **Teaching and learning methods**

Lectures: 17 one hour lectures (2 hrs per week for 8 weeks and 1 hr for 1 week)

Workshops: 3 one hour workshops in teaching weeks 3, 6 and 8

Private study: 80 hours

Total study hours: 100 hours split between lectures, workshops reading, self-study and preparation for classes, coursework and examinations.

#### **Informal Contact Methods**

1. Office Hours
2. Online Learning Activities (blogs, discussions, self-assessment questions)
3. Drop-in Surgeries (extra help sessions for students on material they may be struggling with)

#### **Assessment methods**

1.5 hour unseen examination (100%)

#### **Feedback methods**

- Informal advice during lectures.
- Discussion and feedback during small-group sessions (workshops).
- One-to-one advice and discussion during office hours.
  
- Online exercises, quizzes and concept questions through Blackboard (instant feedback

provided via online learning platform).

- Responses from course lecturers and fellow students to questions and comments posted on Blackboard discussion forum.

- Generic feedback on assessment performance via Blackboard.

### **Requisites**

BMAN10552 is a free choice option for students with prior agreement from their home schools. Core for MLBM, CSwBM and MathswBM.

### **Recommended reading**

Main Textbook:

Hiller, D., Clacher, I., Ross, S., Westerfield, R., and Jordan, B. (2021) Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, European Edition, McGrawHill

### **Scheduled activity hours**

Assessment written exam	1.5
Lectures	17
Practical classes & workshops	3

### **Independent study hours**

78.5 hours

### **Additional notes**

Length of course: 12 weeks

Pre-requisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Dependent course units:

- BMAN23000(A) or (B) Foundations of Finance subject to passing BMAN10552 Fundamentals of Finance at 60% or above, BMAN20072 Investment Analysis if taken alongside BMAN23000(A) or (B) Foundations of Finance.
- BMAN20081 Financial Statement Analysis subject to passing BMAN10621 Fundamentals of Financial Reporting at 40% or above and BMAN10552 Fundamentals of Finance at 60% or above

Programme Restrictions:

Not available to students who have taken or are currently taking BMAN10522 or BMAN10522(M) Financial Decision Making.

BMAN10552 Fundamentals of Finance is available as a free choice option to students who have received prior agreement from their registering School.

BMAN10552 is available to study abroad and exchange students admitted through the University of Manchester International Programmes Office.

**Timetable** <https://ug handbook.portals.mbs.ac.uk/Non-AllianceMBSstudents/Teachingtimetables.aspx>

For Academic Year:

Updated:

**Approved by:**